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SUBJECT: 62ND EXOSOC: U.S. CANDIDACY FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE
COMMISION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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1. IN VIEW OF THE BRIEF TIME REMAINING BEFORE VOTE, ON MORNING OF
MAY 2 POL COUNSELOR TELEPHONES FONOFF UNDERSECRETARY FOR
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ANF CONFERENCES JOAQUIN FONSECA AND
CONVEYED TO HIM SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL.

2. FONSECA, WITH OBIOS REGRET, EXPLAINED THAT THE GOC HAD
HAD NO PREVIOUS INKLING OF U.S. INTEREST IN REELECTION TO THE
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. IF SUCH AN INDICATION HAD BEEN
RECEIVED, HE SAID, THE GOC, FULLY AWARE OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S
INTEREST AND ROLE IN ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS CAUSES, WOULD HAVE
SUPPORTED THE U.S.CANDIDACY UNHESITATINGLY. UNFORTUNATELY,
FONSECA WENT ON, THE FRENCH, FRG AND AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADORS
HAD ALREADY MADE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIONS TO FOREIGN MINISTER
LIEVANO TO REQUEST COLOMBIA'S SUPPORT FOR THEIR COUTRIES'S
CANDIDACIES TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMISION. THE FONOFF HAD
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CONFIRMED BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE COLOMBIA'S INTENTION TO SUPPORT
THESE CANDIDACIES AND HAD ALREADY ISSUED THE NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS
TO ITS UN DELEGATION. HAVING GIVEN THESE FORMAL COMMITMENTS,
FONSECA SAID, THE FONOFF SAW NO WAY IT COULD ALTER ITS
POSITION.

3. POL COUNSELOR TOLD FONSECA THAT THE EMBASSY WOULD IN ANY

CASE DELIVER A DIPLOMATIC NOTE (NOTE WAS DELIVERED AFTERNOON OF MAY 2)

IN THE EVENT THAT CIRCUMSTANCES, SUCH AS A TIE IN VOTING, ALLOWED THE GOC TO VOTE FOR THE U.S. CANDIDACY AND AGAIN, USING TALKING POINTS, URGED THAT COLOMBIA RECONSIDER ITS POSITION. FONSECA PROMISED HE WOULD CONSULT ON MATTER AND CALL BACK.

4. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, FONSECA SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO, WHO REITERATED COLOMBIA'S READINESS TO VOTE FOR THE U.S. IF OTHER COMMITMENTS HAD NOT ALREADY BEEN MADE. ACCORDING TO FONSECA, LIEVANO SAID THAT IF THE U.S. COULD PREVAIL ON ONE OF THE OTHER THREE COUNTRIES TO RETIRE ITS CANDIDACY, COLOMBIA WOULD BE HAPPY TO SUPPORT THE U.S. CANDIDACY.

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